

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending. Claims 8-20 have been cancelled. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

The Office Action suggested that the specification be amended to include the continuity data for the International Application. Applicant respectfully submits that such an amendment was made in a Preliminary Amendment filed on September 1, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests that the Office Acknowledge that this amendment was received.

As suggested in the Office Action, Applicant has cancelled the withdrawn claims (claims 8-20) as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

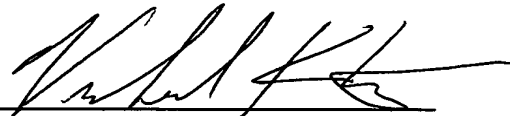
Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1-7 are allowable. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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